Rider A to REPLY BRIEF TO OFFICE ACTION OF 04/06/05 IN USSN 09/892,359 (MARKED UP CLAIMS)

21. (Twice Amended) A rigid channel member of a variable length formed from sheet steel stock in which the three member sidewalls are generally planar throughout their length and adapted to be custom-fitted and conjoined with at least one rigid surface of another member, being provided with linear groovings along with at least one planar surface to permit controlled separation of at least one sidewall thereof along the groovings, such channel member comprising:

(a) a transverse configuration [which is rectangular in cross-section] of the three sidewalls having a generally squared cross-section which defines an opposing longitudinal opening opposing the central member of the three sidewalls with one open sidewall and has open longitudinal ends; and

(b) a first pair of externally-placed, linear groovings arrayed in parallel with each of the grooving being located proximal to one of the two seams of the center sidewall, and the grooving being of a depth sufficient to facilitate separation under force of at least an initial finger of one sidewall end segment from the adjacent sidewall end segment, while maintaining the structural integrity of the transverse dimension of the separated sidewall end segment at the end point of separation.

22. (Once Amended) The channel member of Claim 21 wherein [an] the externally-placed, linear groovings, are located in at least one of the sidewalls adjacent to the center sidewall being located proximal to the seam of the sidewalls, and each of the groovings being in depth sufficient to facilitate separation under force of at least an initial second finger of one sidewall end segment from the adjacent center sidewall, while maintaining the structural

integrity of the transverse dimension of the separated sidewall end segment at the end point of separation.

24. (Twice Amended) A rigid, angle-shaped member of a variable length formed from sheet steel stock, [in which the] comprising two member sidewalls which are generally planar throughout their length and are adapted to be conjoined with at least one rigid surface of another member, comprising:

(a) a transverse configuration which is right angular in cross section, and has open longitudinal ends; and,

(b) a pair of external-placed, linear groovings arrayed in parallel, with each of the groovings being located proximal to the one seam of the member and straddling said one seam of the member, and with each of the groovings being of a depth sufficient to facilitate separation under force of an initial finger of one sidewall end segment from the other sidewall end segment, while maintaining the structural integrity of the transverse dimension of the separated sidewall end segment at the end point of separation.

25. (Once Amended) A rigid, angle-shaped member of a variable length formed from sheet steel stock, [in which] comprising two member sidewalls which are generally planar throughout their length and are adapted to be conjoined with at least one rigid surface of another member, the angle member being provided with a linear grooving along the seam of the planar surfaces to control separation of one sidewall thereof along the grooving, comprising:

(a) a transverse configuration which is right angular in cross section, and has open longitudinal ends; and,

(b) a linear grooving with the grooving being located coincident with one seam of the member, and with the grooving being of depth sufficient to facilitate separation under force of an initial finger of one sidewall end segment, while maintaining the structural integrity of the transverse dimension of the separated sidewall end segment at the end point of separation.

26. (Once Amended) A rigid channel member of a variable length formed from sheet steel stock [in which the three member sidewalls] comprising a three member sidewall which are generally planar throughout their length and adapted to be conjoined with at least one rigid surface of another member, the channel member being provided with linear groovings along with at least one planar surface to permit controlled separation of at least one sidewall thereof along the groovings, such [tubular] channel member comprising:

(a) a transverse configuration of the three sidewalls having a generally squared section, which defines an opposing longitudinal opening opposing the central member squared cross-of the three sidewalls and which has open longitudinal ends: and

(b) a first pair of externally-placed, linear groovings arrayed parallel with each of the groovings being located coincident with the two seams of the center sidewall, and each of the groovings being of a depth sufficient to facilitate separation under force of at least an initial finger from one sidewall end segment from the adjacent sidewall end segments, while maintaining the structural integrity of the transverse dimension of the separated sidewall end segment at the end point of separation.